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SONIC IN HOT WATER
Bunnie & Antoine Back Together
BUT WILL IT LAST?
SCOURGE'S SECRET DATE
THE REAL STORY

TRUTH OF THE HEART
HOW COULD YOU?!
WHOA!
WE TRUSTED YOU! SONIC TRUSTED YOU WITH HIS HEART!
WOULD YOU HOLD ON A SECOND?!
WHAT'S THIS ALL ABOUT?
DON'T PLAY DUMB WITH ME!
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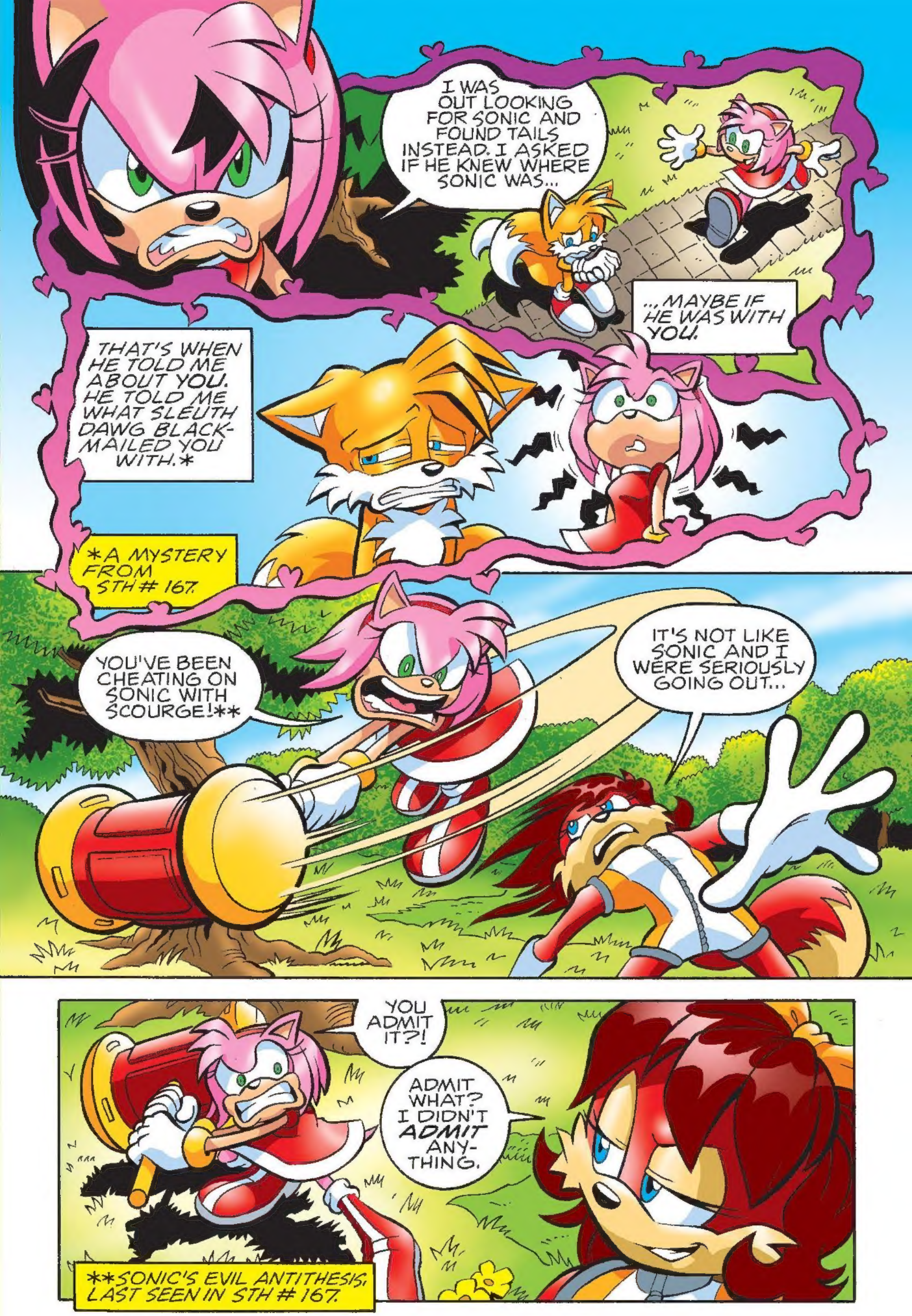

I WAS OUT LOOKING FOR SONIC AND FOUND TAILS INSTEAD. I ASKED IF HE KNEW WHERE SONIC WAS...
...MAYBE IF HE WAS WITH YOU.
THAT'S WHEN HE TOLD ME ABOUT YOU. HE TOLD ME WHAT SLEUTH DAWG BLACK-MAILED YOU WITH.*
*A MYSTERY FROM STH # 167.
YOU'VE BEEN CHEATING ON SONIC WITH SCOURGE!**
IT'S NOT LIKE SONIC AND I WERE SERIOUSLY GOING OUT...
YOU ADMIT IT?!
ADMIT WHAT? I DIDN'T ADMIT ANY-THING.
**SONIC'S EVIL ANTITHESIS, LAST SEEN IN STH # 167.

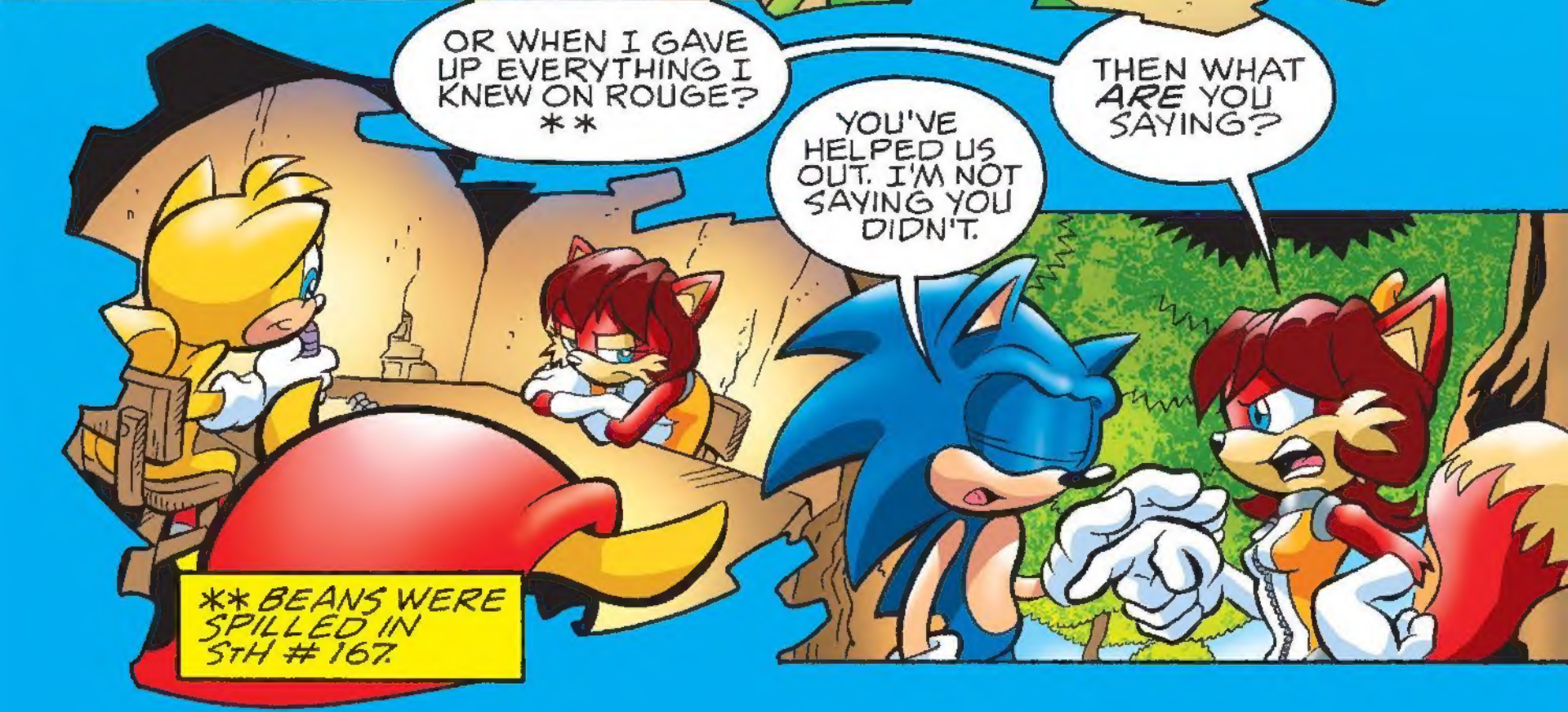
WHY CAN'T YOU JUST TELL THE TRUTH?
"THE TRUTH" GETS YOU HURT OR WORSE, LITTLE GIRL.
BUT EVEN IF YOU GOT ALL OF KNOTHOLE TO TESTIFY AGAINST ME...
...SONIC WOULD NEVER BELIEVE YOU.
THAT'S NOT SAYING MUCH.
I TAKE EVERYTHING AMY SAYS WITH A SHAKER OF SALT.

SONIC! I NEED TO TELL YOU THAT...WELL, IT WAS TAILS WHO SAID... BUT HE HEARD FROM SLEUTH... AND YOU HEARD FROM SCOURGE...!
AMY?
CHILL.
BREATHE.
I'VE BEEN MEANING TO TALK TO FIONA, ANYWAY. THANKS FOR LOOKING OUT FOR ME.
S-SURE...
C'MON, FIONA. WALK WITH ME. TALK WITH ME.
...SURE.
THE WAY HE LOOKED AT ME...!
ARE YOU GOING TO INTERROGATE ME, TOO?
I JUST WANT EVERY-THING TO ADD UP, FIONA.

YOU'VE BEEN DISAPPEARING A LOT LATELY. WITH YOUR SKETCHY PAST, THAT KINDA MAKES ME WONDER, Y'KNOW?
EXCUSE ME?

YOU SAID YOU WERE COOL WITH MY PAST!
I AM. I'M NOT COOL WITH HOW IT MIGHT BE AFFECTING THE *NOW!*

THE NOW?
WHAT ABOUT WHEN I HELPED STOP BEAN AND BARK ON YOUR BIRTHDAY?*
*SEE STH # 160.

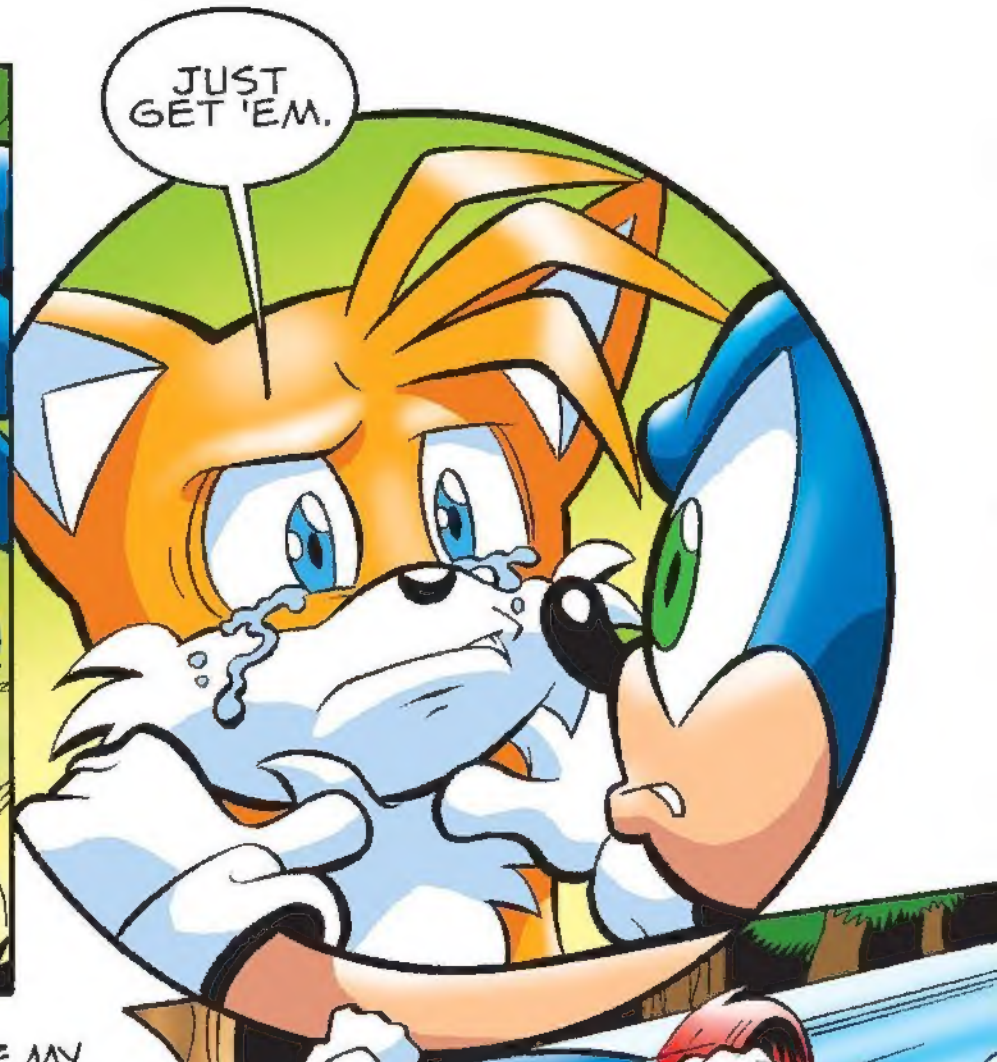

OR WHEN I GAVE UP EVERYTHING I KNEW ON ROUGE? **
YOU'VE HELPED US OUT. I'M NOT SAYING YOU DIDN'T.
THEN WHAT *ARE* YOU SAYING?
** BEANS WERE SPILLED IN STH # 167.

WHAT I'M SAYING IS, YOU DIDN'T SHOW ANY INTEREST IN ME UNTIL *AFTER* SCOURGE IMPERSONATED ME.*
*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN S# 150-151.
WHAT I'M SAYING IS, FOUR SEPARATE FOLKS SAY YOU'RE PLAYING ME. SCOURGE AND SLEUTH COULD BE LYING, BUT I TRUST AMY AND TAILS.
YOU TRUST A COUPLE OF KIDS OVER ME, *HUH?*
I *WANT* TO TRUST YOU, TOO, FI! I JUST NEED YOU TO CLEAR THIS UP FOR ME.
I TRIED THE HERO THING, SONIC. I REALLY DID.
I STUCK TO IT FOR YOU. I THOUGHT WE COULD MAYBE FIND SOME MIDDLE GROUND.
...MIDDLE GROUND?
SHE MEANS SHE WISHES YOU HAD A BACKBONE, MORON.
HEY, SWEETIE.

HEY, BABE.
YOU CAUGHT ON TO ONE THING, SONIC-- IT WAS ME SHE FELL FOR FIRST.
WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT SCOURGE WASN'T THE REAL DEAL, I TRIED TO FIND THE SAME ATTRACTION IN YOU, SONIC.
I TOLD HER IT WAS A WASTE OF TIME. ANY GUY AFTER ME IS GONNA BE BLAND.
SO MUCH FOR YOUR LOVE-LIFE, BLUE. YOU COULDN'T HOLD ON TO A PRINCESS,* YOU COULDN'T WIN OVER MY GIRL, AND AMY...
I WAS HOPING YOU'D BE JUST AS MUCH FUN, BUT YOU'RE HUNG UP ON THE WHOLE "VIRTUOUS HERO" THING.
*SALLY SPLIT WITH A SLAP IN STH #132.
...HEH, YEAH, SURE. THERE'S A REAL PRIZE-WINNER.

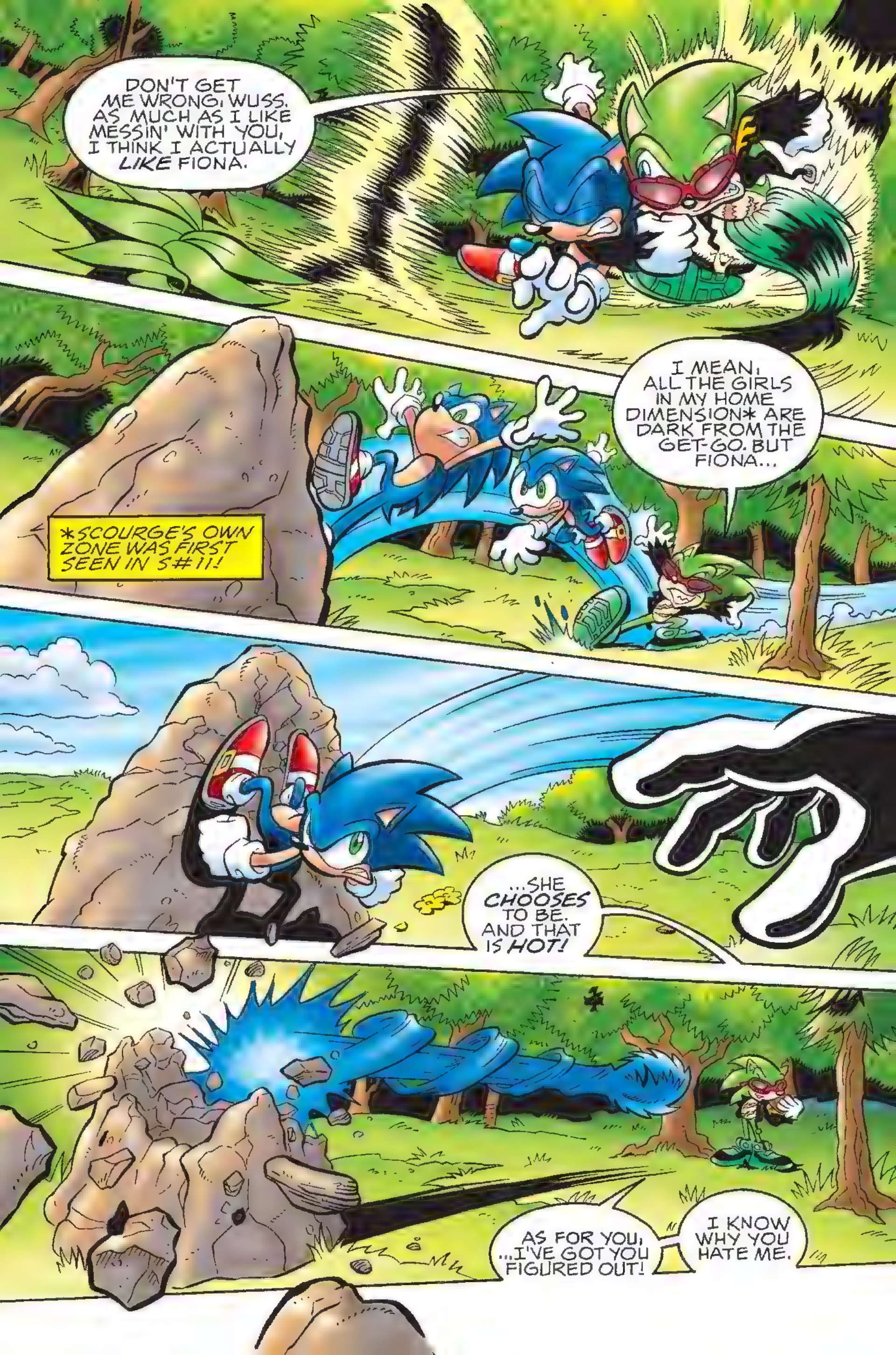
FIONA! NO! PLEASE!
I-I-IT'S OKAY IF YOU DON'T WANT TO LIKE ME-- I M-MEAN "LIKE ME"--LIKE ME-- B-BUT PLEASE DON'T GO WITH SCOURGE!
I KNOW YOU'RE GOOD! ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TRY A LITTLE HARDER, AND...
OH, TAILS... YOU'RE SO SMART, BUT YOU HAVEN'T LEARNED ONE FUNDAMENTAL LESSON IN LIFE...
...YOU CAN'T COUNT ON ANYBODY.
SMACK
TAILS!

TAILS? BUDDY?
SONIC...


JUST GET 'EM.

YOU'RE MY PRIME EXAMPLE, OR DID YOU FORGET YOU LEFT ME IMPRISONED?*
*COMPLETELY BY ACCIDENT, OF COURSE, AS RECALLED IN CLASSIC STH # 28.
THAT'S NO EXCUSE TO DO THAT TO-

WHAM!
OH, SHUT UP, ALREADY.


DON'T GET ME WRONG, WUSS. AS MUCH AS I LIKE MESSIN' WITH YOU, I THINK I ACTUALLY *LIKE* FIONA.
I MEAN, ALL THE GIRLS IN MY HOME DIMENSION* ARE DARK FROM THE GET-GO. BUT FIONA...
*SCOURGE'S OWN ZONE WAS FIRST SEEN IN S#11!
...SHE *CHOOSES* TO BE. AND THAT IS *HOT!*
AS FOR YOU, ...I'VE GOT YOU FIGURED OUT!
I KNOW WHY YOU HATE ME.

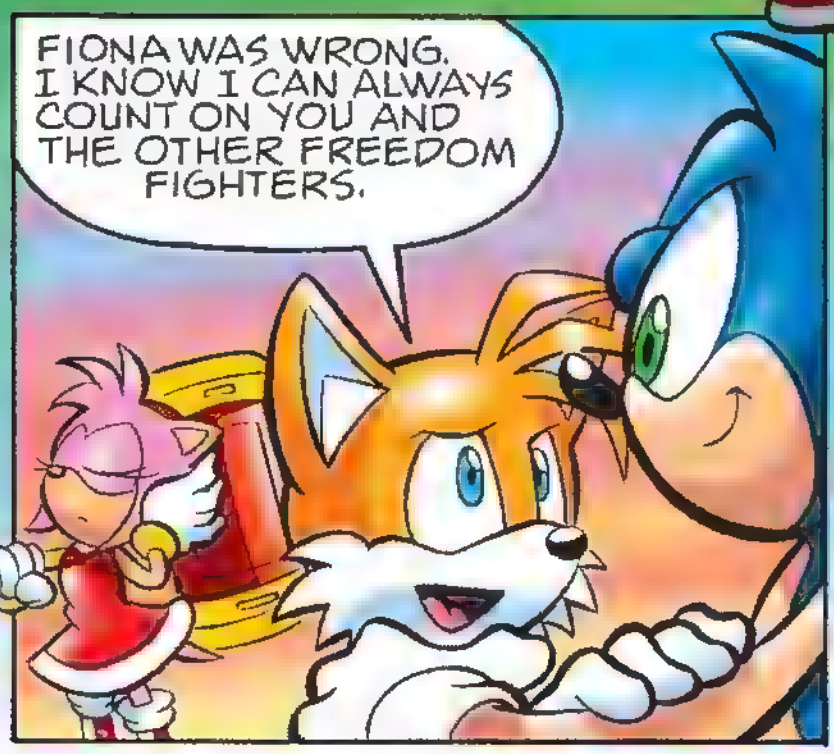
I KNOW...
AND IT'S NOT JUST THE FIONA THING, OR THAT I'M BETTER LOOKING...
...IT'S THAT ALL IT TAKES IS ONE BAD DAY, AND YOU'D BE JUST LIKE ME.
NO, THAT'S NOT IT, SCOURGE.
IT'S BECAUSE ALL IT WOULD TAKE IS A BIT OF SELFLESSNESS... A LITTLE BIT OF DECENCY... AND YOU'D BE JUST LIKE ME.
I...

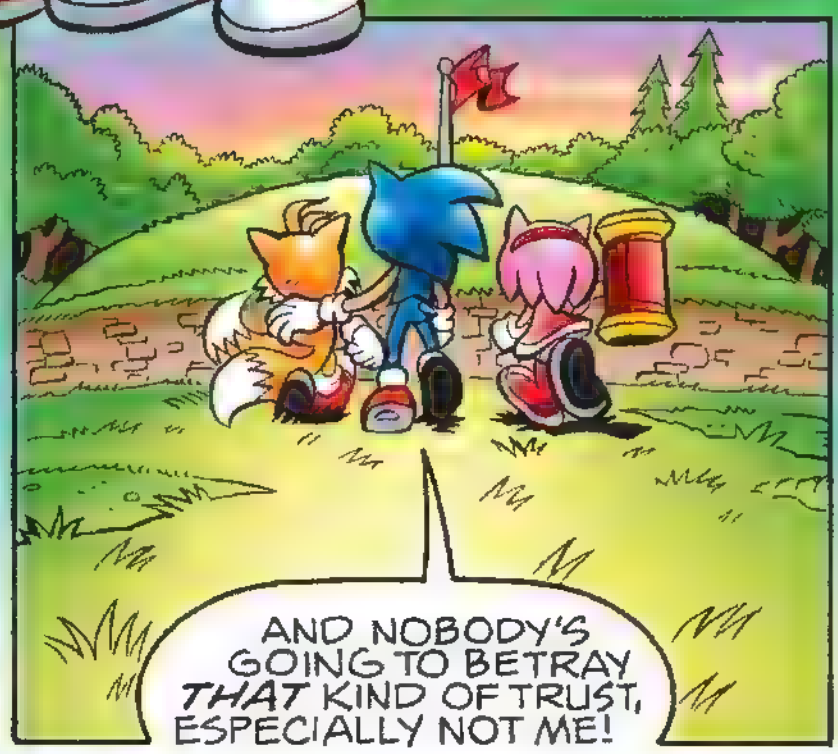
BACK OFF, SONIC! YOU HAD YOUR CHANCE!
THE WAY YOU HOLD BACK MAKES YOU *WEAK*. IT'S ALL ABOUT SURVIVAL OF THE BEST. AND YOU'RE--
WOULD YOU SHUT UP, ALREADY?
I--I CAN'T HURT YOU, FIONA.
BUT I DON'T CARE ABOUT YOU, SCOURGE!
WHICH LEAVES THE BACK-STABBING, HEART-WRENCHING, UGLY, STUPID, DUMB HAIRBAND-WEARING *TRAITOR* TO ME!

I DUNNO ABOUT YOU, BABE, BUT I'VE HAD MY FUN. SHALL WE?
LET'S.

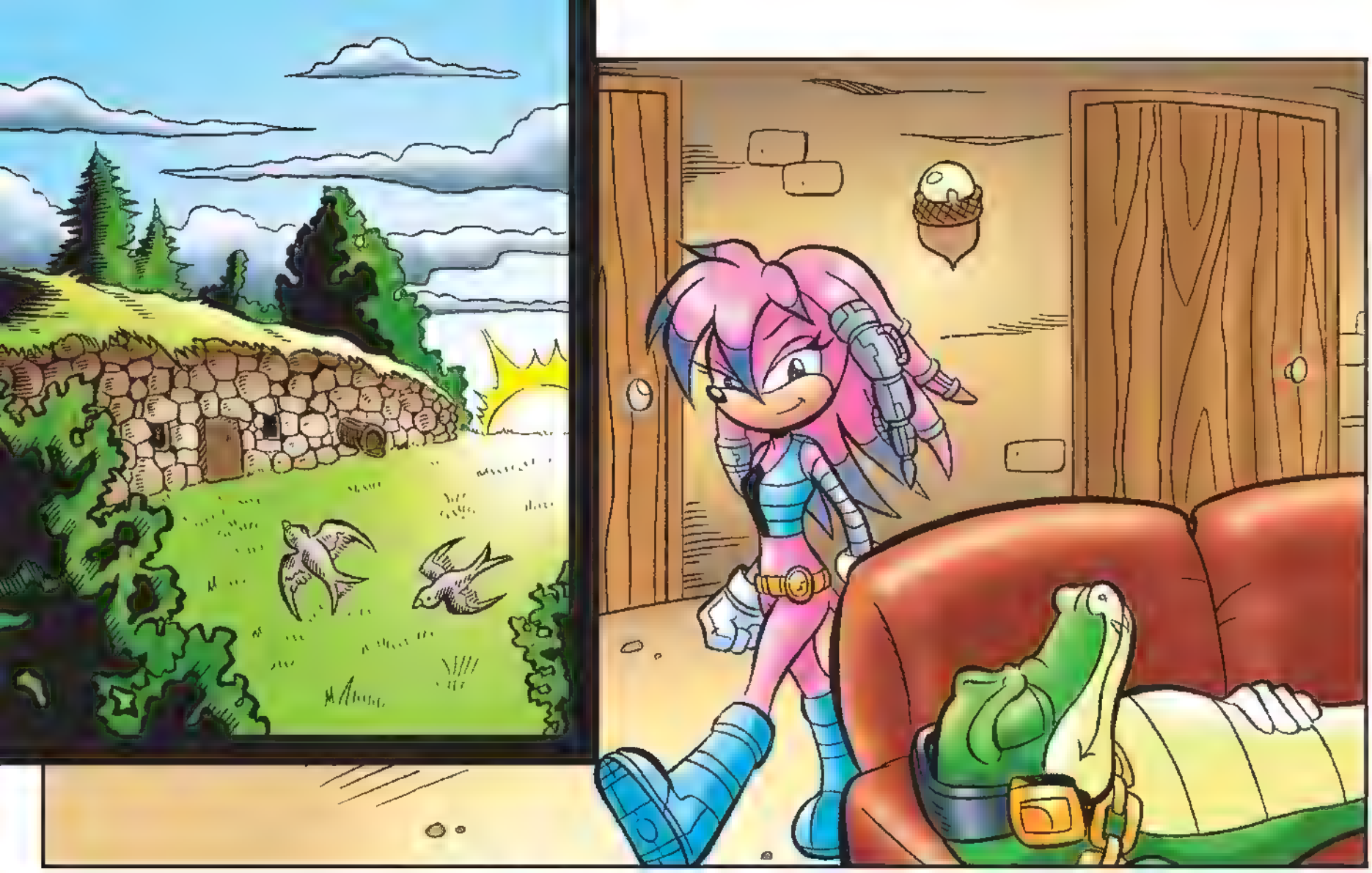
SO LONG, HANDSOME. IT WAS FUN WHILE IT LASTED.

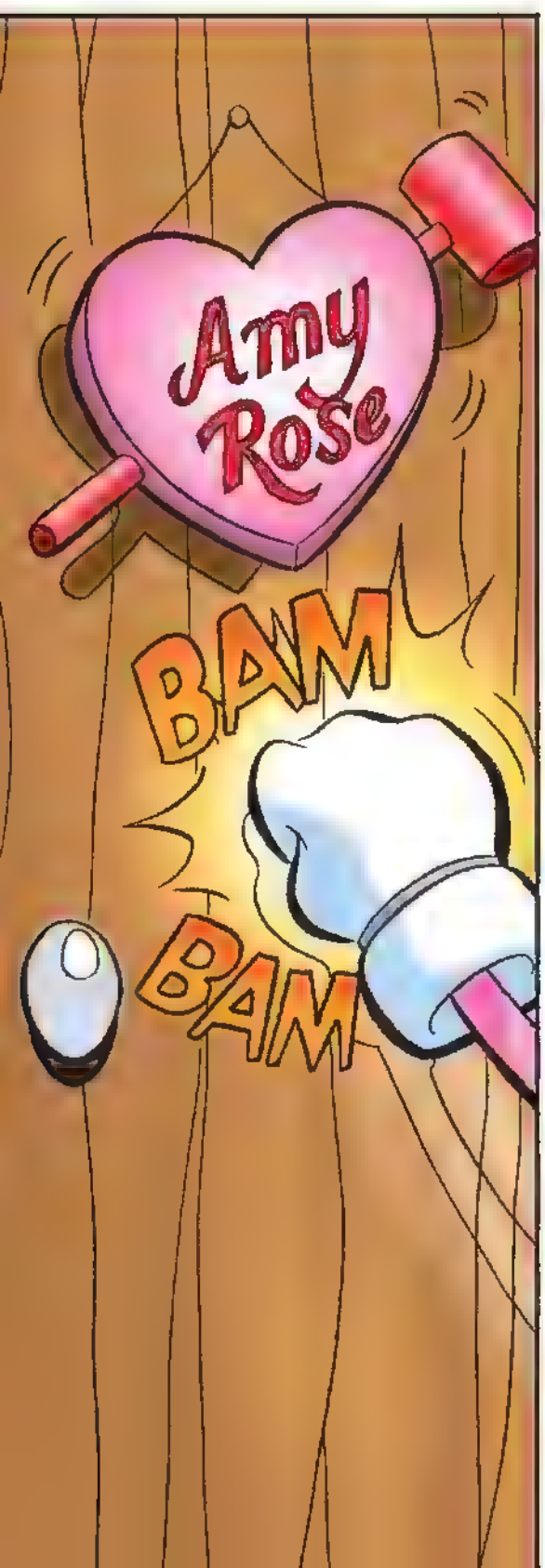
I'LL SHOW HER *FUN*. GOOD RIDDANCE. THAT BODYSUIT LOOKED STUPID, ANYWAY.
HOW ARE YOU HOLDIN' UP, BUD?
I...I FEEL AWFUL.
YEAH ...LOOK, WHAT FIONA SAID...

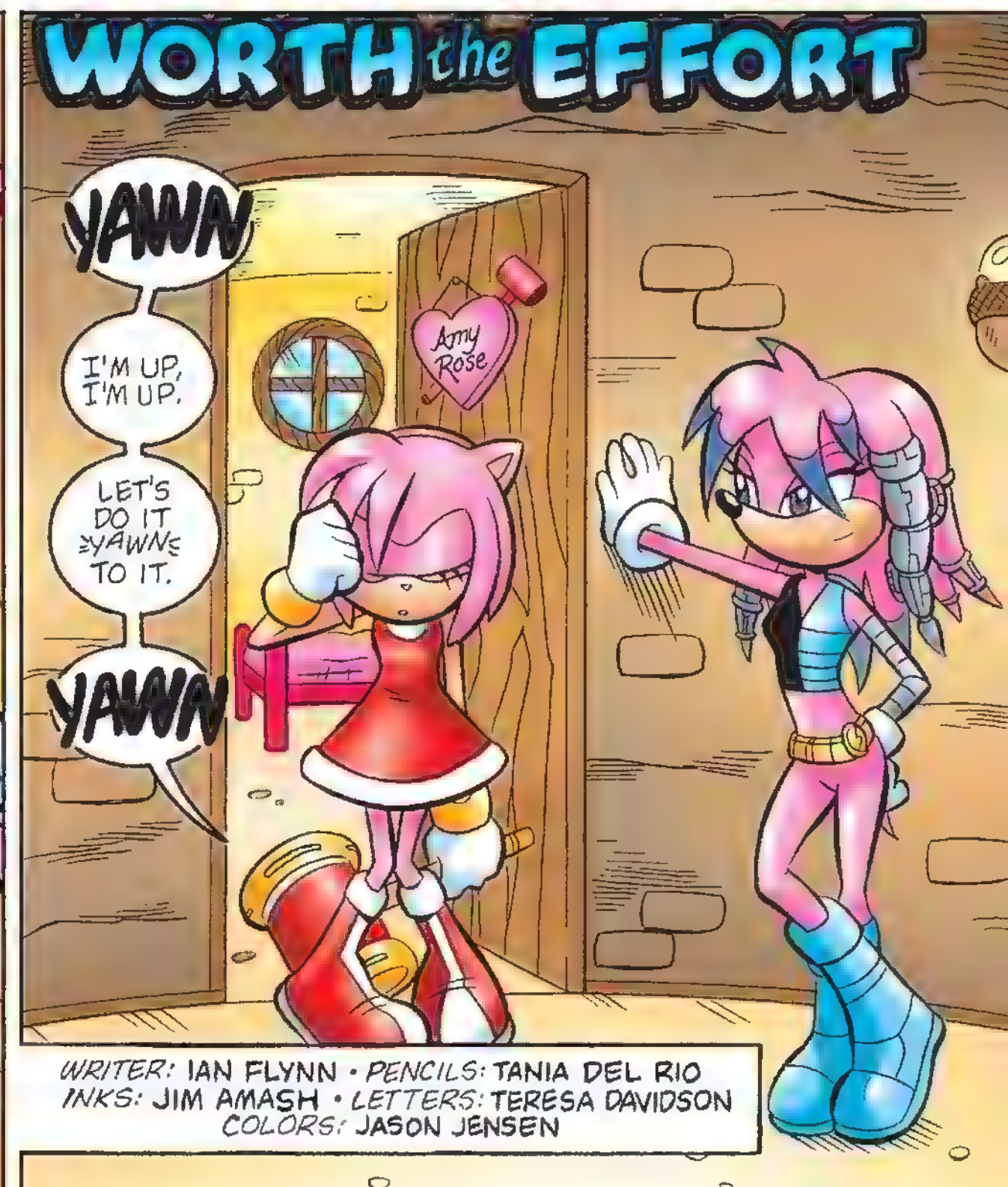

FIONA WAS WRONG. I KNOW I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU AND THE OTHER FREEDOM FIGHTERS.


AND NOBODY'S GOING TO BETRAY *THAT* KIND OF TRUST, ESPECIALLY NOT ME!

WHAT LIFE-CHANGING ACTION IS ***ANTOINE*** ABOUT TO TAKE? DOES IT INVOLVE THE EVER-GROWING VILLAIN COUNT? FIND OUT IN THIRTY IN ***SONIC THE HEDGEHOG*** #173!







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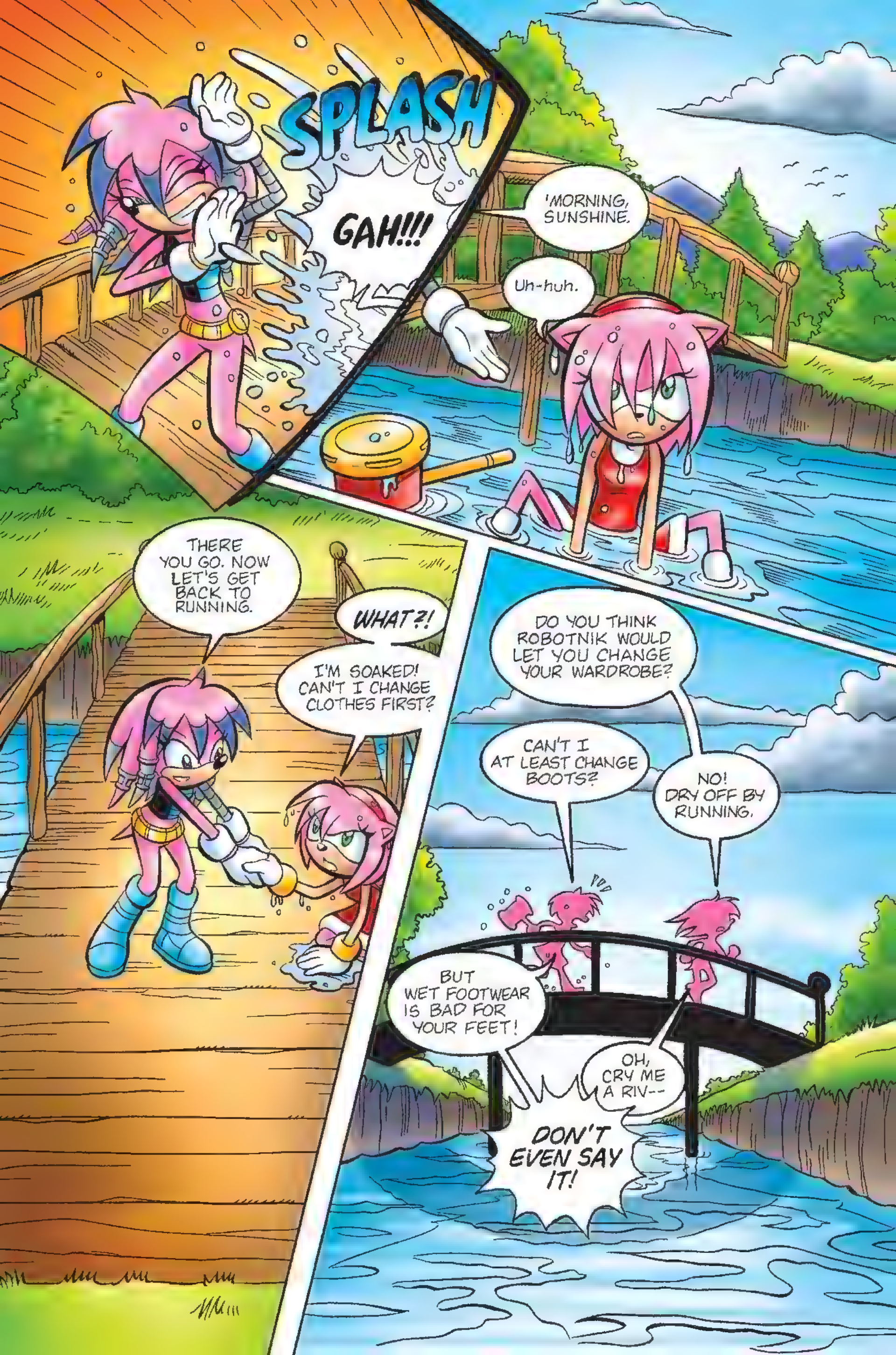
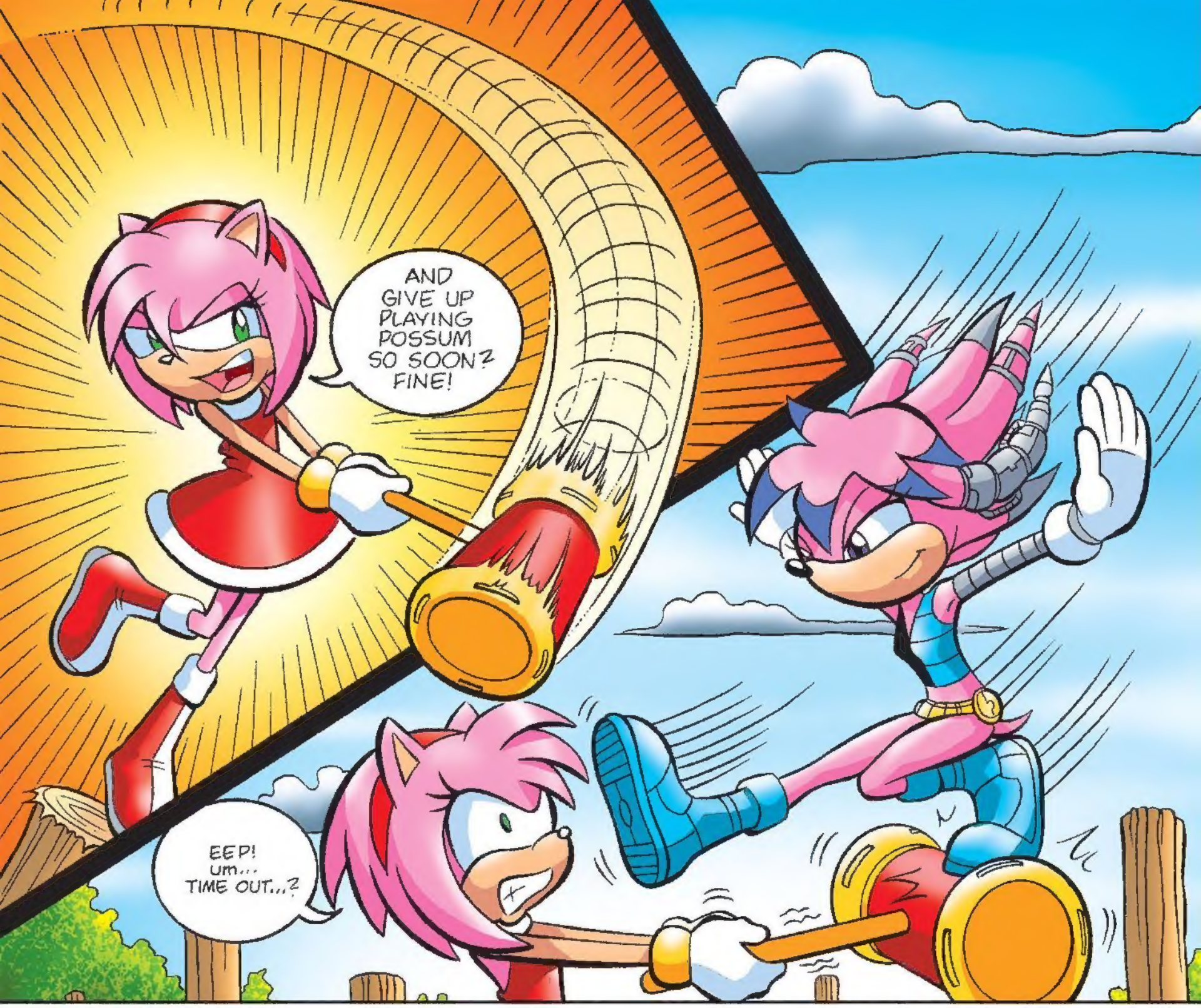
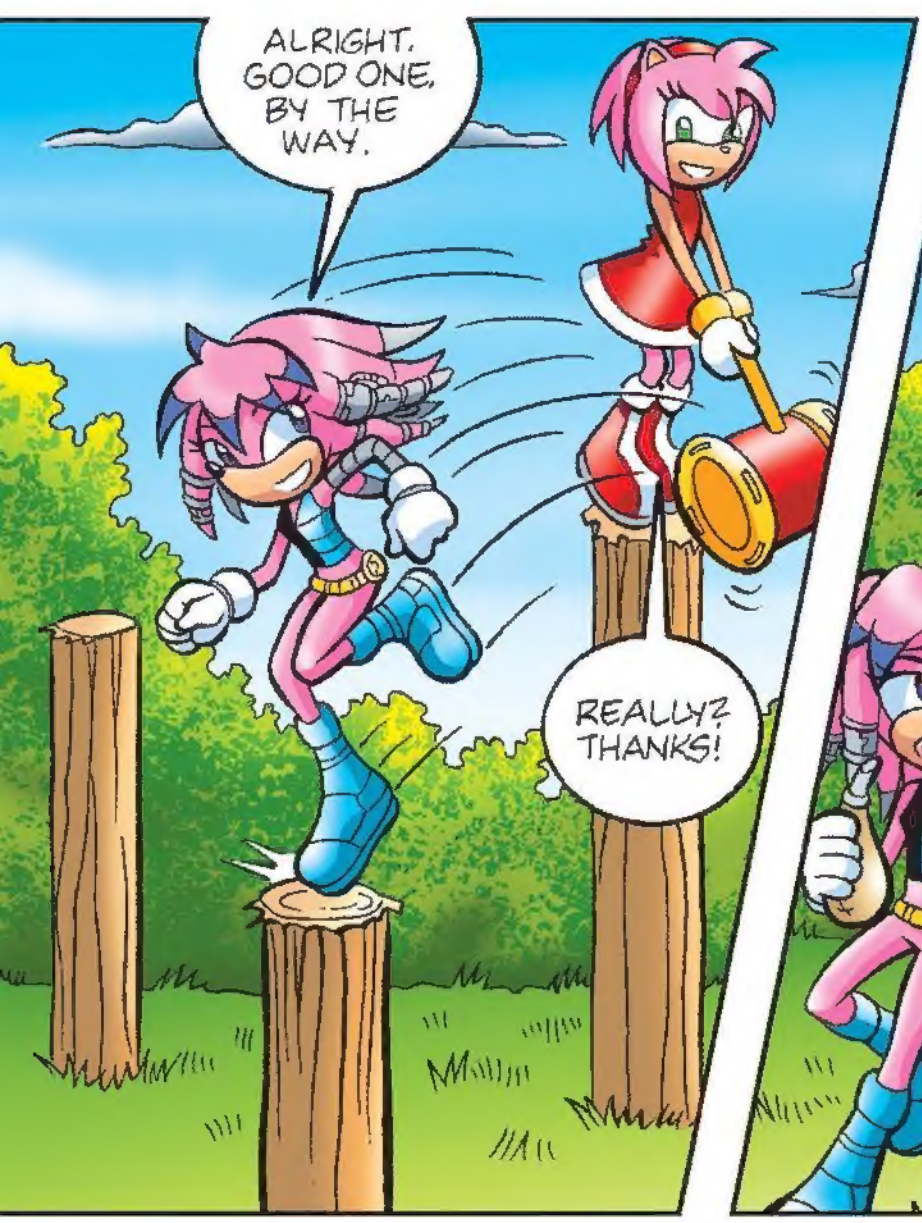
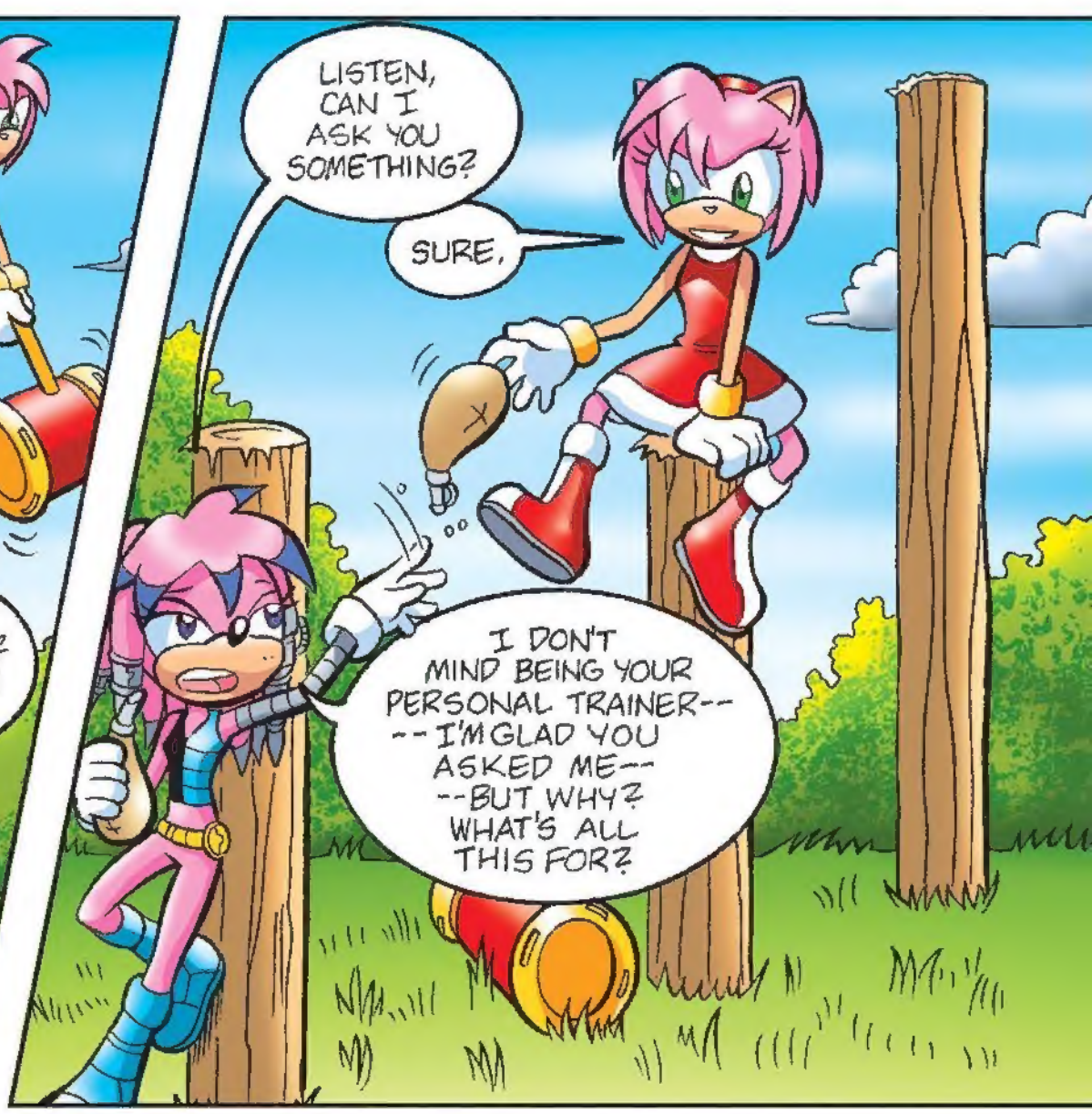
AMY ROSE
COME ON, AMY! YOU OUGHT TO BE USED TO THIS HOUR BY NOW!
Uh-huh...
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO CAME TO ME FOR PERSONAL TRAINING, REMEMBER?
Uh-huh...
YOU KNOW THE DRILL-- ONCE ALL AROUND KNOTHOLE AND BACK TO FREEDOM HQ.
Uh-huh...
KRSSS
IF THAT SIGHT DOESN'T WAKE YOU UP, NOTHING WI--
AMY ROSE!
YOU'RE HEADING FOR THE RIVER!
Uh-huh...

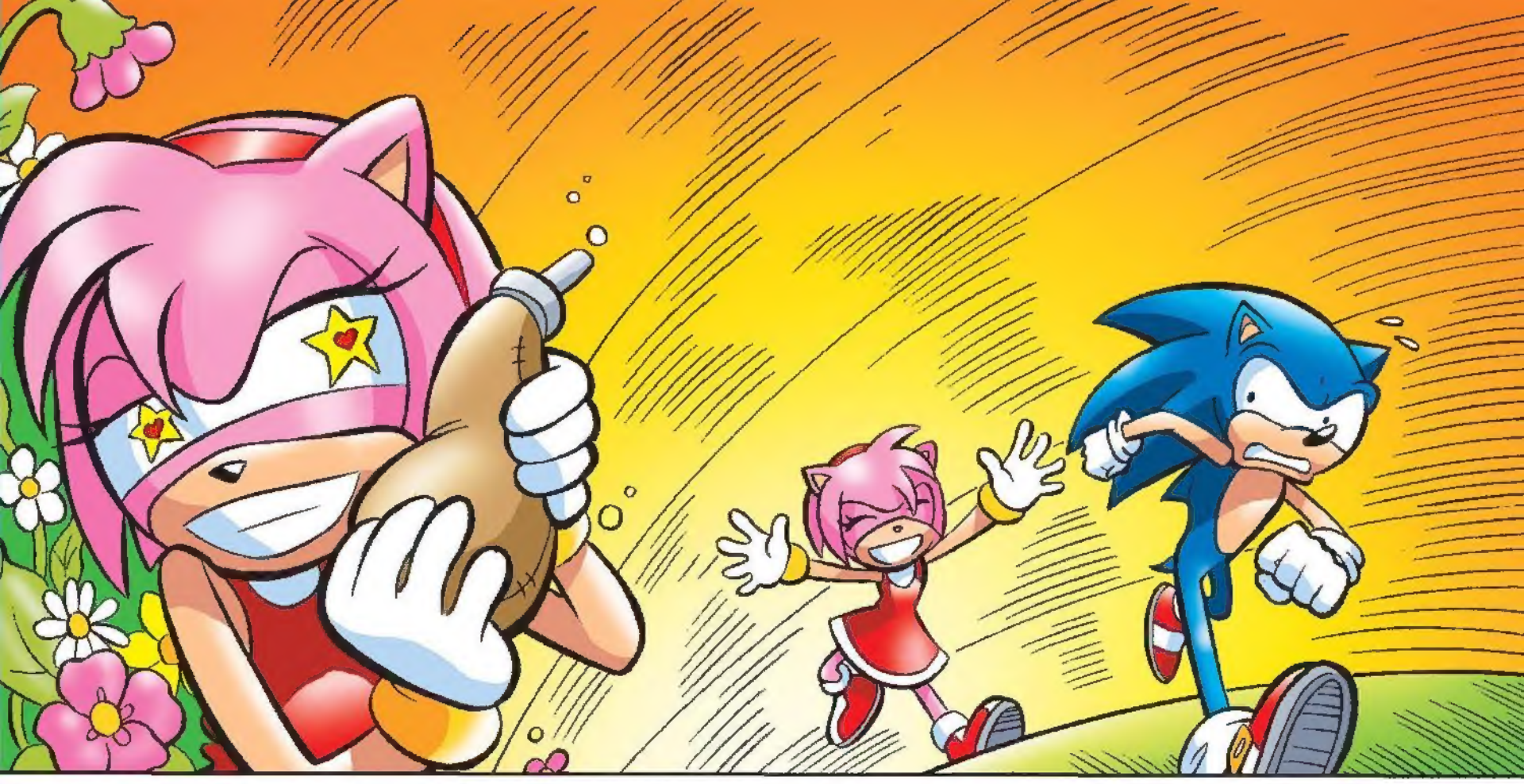

SPLASH
GAH!!!
'MORNING, SUNSHINE.
Uh-huh.
THERE YOU GO. NOW LET'S GET BACK TO RUNNING.
WHAT?!
I'M SOAKED! CAN'T I CHANGE CLOTHES FIRST?
DO YOU THINK ROBOTNIK WOULD LET YOU CHANGE YOUR WARDROBE?
CAN'T I AT LEAST CHANGE BOOTS?
NO! DRY OFF BY RUNNING.
BUT WET FOOTWEAR IS BAD FOR YOUR FEET!
OH, CRY ME A RIV--
DON'T EVEN SAY IT!

HOURS LATER...
COME ON, AMY...
...YOU'RE FASTER THAN THIS!
OH, I'LL LAND A HIT!
DONK
MAYBE A LUCKY SHOT, SURE.
SWIPE
I'M GETTING BETTER, DARNIT!
YEEP!
YOU HAVE TO RECOVER QUICKLY!

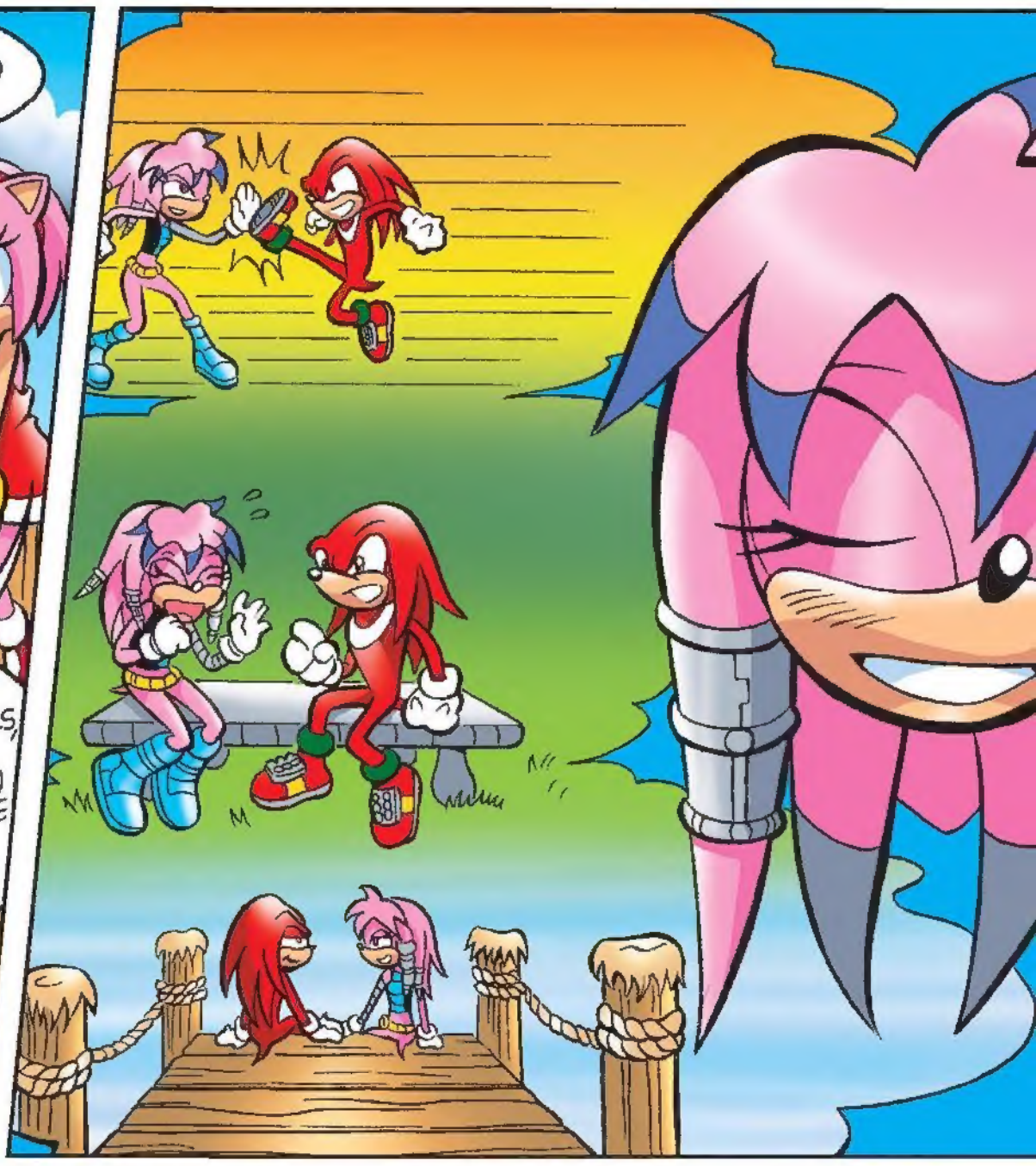

AND GIVE UP PLAYING POSSUM SO SOON? FINE!
EEP! um... TIME OUT...?


ALRIGHT. GOOD ONE, BY THE WAY.
REALLY? THANKS!


LISTEN, CAN I ASK YOU SOMETHING?
SURE.
I DON'T MIND BEING YOUR PERSONAL TRAINER-- --I'M GLAD YOU ASKED ME-- --BUT WHY? WHAT'S ALL THIS FOR?



I WANT TO BE THE BEST FEMALE FREEDOM FIGHTER SO SONIC WILL NOTICE ME!
HE'LL ALWAYS BE THE FASTEST THING ALIVE, BUT I WANT TO STAY RIGHT WITH HIM ALL THE WAY!
IT WORKS FOR YOU AND KNUCKLES SO WELL, I HAVE TO TRY!
WHAT?!
WELL, YOU TWO ARE EQUALS, AREN'T YOU? I'VE SEEN YOU GO TOE-TO-TOE IN TRAINING SESSIONS.
THAT'S NOT ALL OF IT, AMY...



...WE DO ENJOY BEING SPARRING EQUALS BUT WE ALSO ENJOY JUST HANGING OUT. AND HE'S THE ONLY GUY I CAN BE MUSHY AROUND AND NOT FEEL WEAK. BESIDES, YOU DO KNOW THE ONE TIME HE WAS ROMANTIC WITH YOU IT WAS REALLY SCOURGE BEING A SLEAZE, RIGHT?*
YEAH, YEAH...
*BACK WHEN HE WAS EVIL SONIC IN STH #150

BEING YOUR BEST FOR HIM IS COOL, BUT YOU NEED TO WANT THIS FOR YOU FIRST. YOU CAN'T BASE YOUR LIFE ON HIM.
OH, I DON'T!
ONE DAY I'LL BE THE PRETTIEST...
...THE MOST POWERFUL...
...AND OVER-ALL BEST FREEDOM FIGHTER EVER!
SMACK
MINE
WHICH MEANS SONIC IS THE ONLY ONE GOOD ENOUGH FOR ME!
AND HE'LL BE ALL MINE!
MINE
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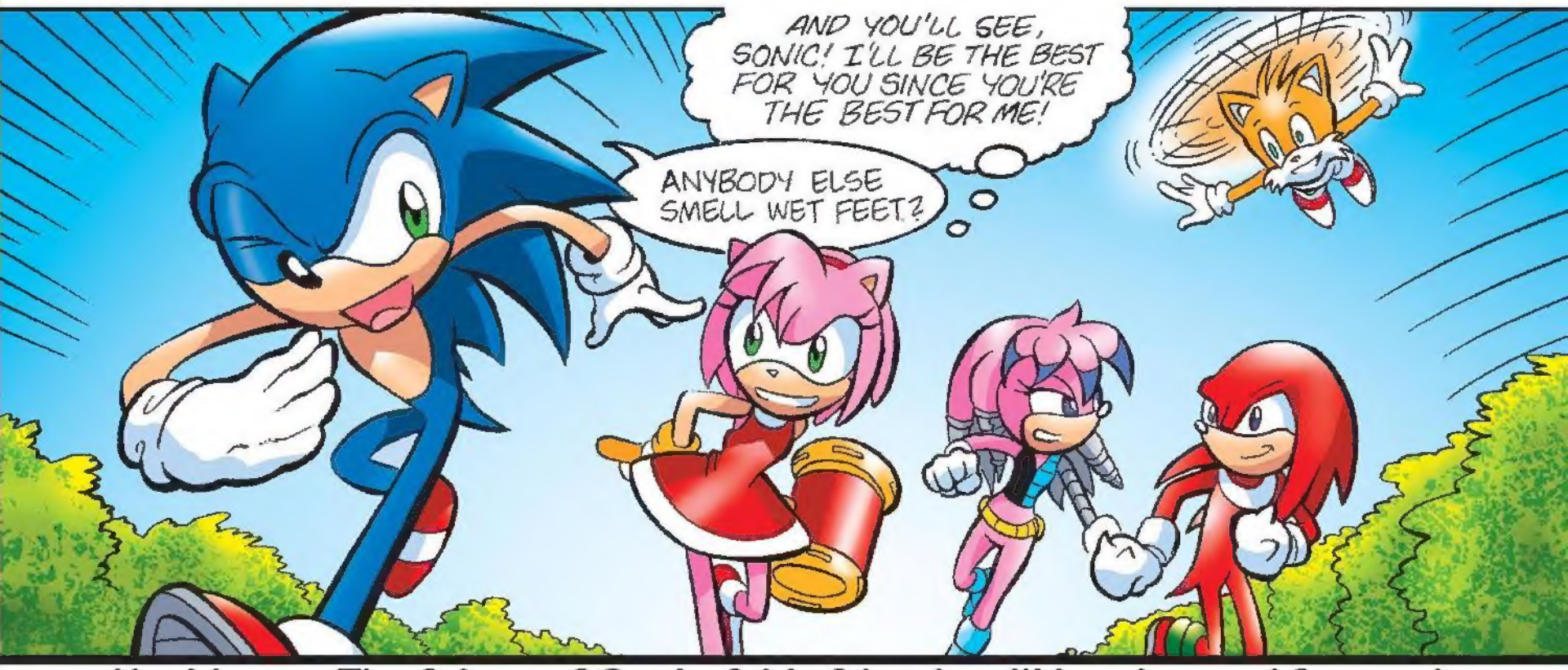

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